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SUBJ: ICFTU'S "GRAVE CONCERN" ON SOVIET REPRISALS AGAINST
FREE LABOR MOVEMENT

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE INTER-
NATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS (ICFTU),

MEETING IN HAMBURG MAY 17-19, WILL TAKE UP THE CASE OF SOVIET WORKERS WHOSE EFFORTS TO FORM FREE TRADE UNIONS ARE BEING CRUSHED BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES. AN ICFTU PRESS RELEASE, ISSUED APRIL 20, QUOTED ICFTU GENERAL SECRETARY OTTO KERSTEN AS EXPRESSING "GRAVE CONCERN THAT FOUNDERS OF THIS MOVEMENT HAVE BEEN THROWN INTO PRISON OR ARE BEING DETAINED IN PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS."

2. THE PRESS CONTINUED: "WORKERS EVERYWHERE MUST HAVE THE RIGHT TO FREELY FORM AND JOIN TRADE UNIONS OF THEIR CHOICE AS LAID DOWN IN CONVENTION 87 OF THE ILO. THIS CONVENTION HAS BEEN RATIFIED BY THE SOVIET UNION. THE ICFTU EXECUTIVE WILL EXAMINE WAYS AND MEANS OF HOW THE FREE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT CAN BEST HELP SOVIET WORKERS IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT AND RAISE THE QUESTION AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL." END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: THE ICFTU SECRETARIAT HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED EXTENSIVE DOCUMENTATION ON THE PROBLEMS OF VLADIMIR KLEBANOV, FOUNDER OF THE NEW SOVIET LABOR GROUP, AND HIS FELLOW-LEADERS. THIS DOCUMENTATION INCLUDES THE FEBRUARY-MARCH ISSUE OF A MAGAZINE PUBLISHED IN BRUSSELS, 'CAHIERS DU SAMIZDAT', WHICH CONTAINS THE STATUTES OF THE RECENTLY FOUNDED UNION AND THE FULL TEXT OF ITS RECENT APPEAL TO THE ILO AND TO WESTERN LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.

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4. ACCORDING TO A SECRETARIAT SOURCE, IT IS NOT YET CERTAIN WHAT SPECIFIC ACTION THE ICFTU WILL TAKE IN RESPONSE TO THE KLEBANOV APPEAL. ONE IS FOR THE ICFTU TO FILE AN ILO COMPLAINT OF ITS OWN IN THE CASE.

5. JOHN VANDERVEKEN, ICFTU ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY, TOLD MISSION ATTACHE APRIL 21 THAT THE SECRETARIAT IS CONSULTING ON THE MATTER WITH LEADERS OF MAJOR AFFILIATES. ACCORDING TO ANOTHER SECRETARIAT SOURCE, SOME BRITISH TUC OFFICIALS ARE ADVOCATING THE ICFTU TAKE A STRONG POSITION ON THE SOVIET REPRISALS AGAINST KLEBANOV AND HIS COLLEAGUES. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. HINTON

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